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Focus on Morton Grove Public Library

Happy Holidays From the Board and Staff of the Morton Grove Public Library!

As the end of 1999 approaches and the countdown to the year 2000 begins, the Morton Grove Public Library looks back on many developments in library services and looks forward to many more technological advances and personalized services. Many, many thanks to the people who help ensure that Library services are timely and state-of-the-art. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who assist with programs and publications, provide book delivery services to the homebound, and prepare materials for circulation. Many thanks to the people and businesses who donate money and books for the collection. And, our thanks to the people who utilize the many programs and services of the Library.

Barbara Todd Receives Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award

Barbara Todd upon her retirement from the Library in 1992

The Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award was created to honor people in Illinois who have promoted literacy and culture. One of the first medals of recognition was presented to Barbara Todd, October 11. Ms. Todd's 18 year career in public relations and programming at the Morton Grove Public Library were highlighted by her dramatic book reviews and characterizations. She also served on the Library's Board of Trustees for six years. Congratulations, Barbara!

Nomadica: a Global Cabaret

Celebrate the Millenium with Music

Richard Fammeree and Barbara Lynn Bates gave us a marvelous holiday concert last year. **Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 pm,** they return to dazzle you with their new show, *Nomadica: A Global Cabaret* , a celebration of the millenium with music from around the world. They will be accompanied by Steve Gibons, fiery world violinist; Atissa Azar, classical Persian dancer; and Sven Hansen, global percussionist. Celebrate the coming new year with international flair!

Seating is limited and will be available on a first come-first served basis. (No reservations required) Doors open at 1:30 pm.

Lakeside Flutes Holiday Concert

Sun., Dec. 12 at 2:00 pm

Lakeside Flutes is an ensemble of talented flutists in their eleventh season. Conducted by Ruth Abbinanti, Lakeside Flutes plays a variety of classical, folk, and popular music arranged for a flute choir: C flutes, piccolo, alto flutes, and bass flutes. Hear the Lakeside Flutes perform "Jupiter" from Holst's *The Planets*; Corelli's *Concerto 8 (The Christmas Concerto),* The *Suite of Jewish Folk Tunes*, and other wonderful melodies on **Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 pm.** Holiday refreshments will be served following the performance. **Call 965-4220 to make your reservations beginning November 15th.**

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Dr. Thomas Brown of DePaul University's Music Faculty, tells how Verdi put music to Shakespeare's great drama, *Macbeth,* **Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 pm.**

Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 24: Open 9 to 9 (no change)

Thursday, November 25: Closed for Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 28: Open 1 - 5

Friday, November 26: Open 9 - 6 (no change)

Friday, December 3: Closed for Staff Inservice Day

Friday, December 24: Closed for Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 25: Closed for Christmas Day

Sunday, December 26: Open 1 - 5

Friday, December 31: Open 9 - 5

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. 1 - 5

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

November

11/2	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
11/9	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
11/10	We	1:00	Low Vision Book Group
11/11	Th	10:00 & 2:00	*Rugrats: The Movie*, Rated G, 80 Minutes
11/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
11/13	Sa	2:00	*Our Kind of Town* with Dr. Gesundheit
11/14	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Macbeth*
11/15	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Sixth Sense* Rated PG-13, 106 minutes
11/16	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
11/16	Tu	3:45	Babysitting Basics
11/17	We	3:45	Babysitting Basics
11/23	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
11/25	Th	Closed for Thanksgiving	
11/26	Fr	10:00 & 2:00	*Matilda*, rated PG, 93 minutes
11/30	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos

December

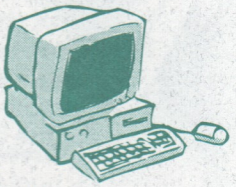
12/3	Fr	Closed for Staff Inservice Day	
12/5	Su	2:00	Lakeside Flutes Holiday Concert
12/7	Tu	11:30	Marion Nowak discusses her paintings before Lunchtime Videos
12/8	We	1:00	Low Vision Book Group
12/9	Th	7:45	Board Meeting
12/13	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Tea With Mussolini*, Rated PG, 117 min.
12/14	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
12/21	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
12/24	Fr	Closed for Christmas Eve	
12/25	Sa	Closed for Christmas Day	
12/28	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
12/31	Fr	5:00	Library closing early

Check our complete calendar on the Web at http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Programs

Computer Classes at the Library

Excel 97 Basics



Jennifer Didier of Banner Training Center discusses Excel 97 Basics: how to create worksheets, linking worksheets and entering formulas **Saturday, November 6 at 2:00 pm.** Registration is limited to 100 and begins Oct. 18. Morton Grove residents are given priority for registration; non-residents may sign up on the waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. To register, call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Mark your calendar: The Library's next Basic Internet Class will be offered Sat., Feb. 5 at 1:00 pm. Registration will begin January 17, 2000.

Marion Nowak Discusses Abstract Art Exhibit

During December, abstract artist Marion Nowak exhibits her work in the Baxter Room. And, as a special artistic treat, Ms. Nowak will discuss her work on **Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 am.** Join us for a lively conversation with the artist of many dramatic and distinctive paintings and stay for Lunchtime Videos.

Lunchtime Videos

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 am** for Lunchtime Videos. Travel to far-away places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 2-hour video program. Coffee, ice water, and sweet treats are provided.

Book Discussion Groups

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's long-standing book discussion group, does not meet in November and December. The next book discussion will be Tues., Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm.

Ballots (for selecting next year's books for discussion) are available at the Reference Services Desk and are due November 22.

Kids Programs

Children's Feature Film Schedule

Thursday, November 11 at 10 am and 2 pm: *Rugrats: The Movie,* Rated G; 80 minutes

Friday, November 26 at 10 am and 2 pm: *Matilda,* Rated PG, 93 minutes

Our Kind of Town with *Dr. Gesundheit*

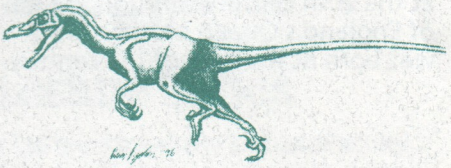
Dr. Gesundheit presents his new show, *Our Kind of Town*, on **Saturday, November 13, at 2:00 pm.** *Dr. Gesundheit's* lively storytelling and acrobatics are combined in a unique celebration of Chicago. Audience members become the Sears Tower, Buckingham Fountain, and blues musicians! Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

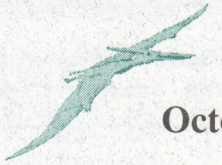
Join the Dinosaur Derby!

Be a Member of a Dinosaur Team

Readers Through 6th Grade: Earn points for your team while earning "Dino Dollars" to spend on school supplies "on sale" at the Library. The game began on **Saturday, October 16 with a *Dinosaur Discoveries* program at 2:00 pm in the Baxter Room**, but new participants can sign up at any time at the Library. Keep track of the time you spend reading books or magazines; watching videos; listening to tapes or CDs. Turn in your form at the Library each week and pick up a raffle ticket for the weekly raffle drawing. The winning team will be treated to a Pizza Party at the Library on Saturday, April 15, 2000.

Pre-schoolers and Kindergarteners: Join the Dino Read-to-Me Fun! Come to the Library and register. You will receive a Dino Read-to-Me Log. A parent can use the log (folder) to record the titles and authors of books that you hear. When all twelve spaces are filled in, bring the log to the LIbrary. You will receive a raffle ticket and may choose a prize from the "Dino Box." The Derby ends on Saturday, April 8, 2000.





Weekly Prize Drawings
October 23, 1999 - April 8, 2000

Babysitting Basics Fall Course

Bill Porter, Public Educator for the Morton Grove Fire Department, and a police officer will be the instructors for this annual 2-day workshop for students age 12 and up who are interested in learning how to be better babysitters. The emphasis of the course is on safety, accident prevention and handling emergencies. The workshop will be held **November 16 and 17 from 3:45 until 5:00 pm**.

Class size is limited to 15 participants and priority will be given to Morton Grove residents. Sign up at the Reference Services Desk or call 965-4220 to register starting October 25. Registrants will be asked for their Library card number and phone number.

Children's Classes

Winter session begins the week of January 3, 2000. Enrollment is limited. Open enrollment begins December 13 for Morton Grove residents and December 20 for non-residents. Phone registrations will be taken after 9:30am. Classes end February 25th.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 3-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4 pm
Class limit - 40

Films

Sixth Sense

Monday, November 15 at 11:00am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm, Rated PG-13, 106 minutes. A thriller/ghost story about a psychologist treating a boy who sees ghosts and seems to have unusual insights. Bruce Willis stars as the psychologist and Haley Joel Osment plays the part of the boy.

Tea With Mussolini

Monday, December 13 at 11:00am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm, Rated PG, 117 minutes. The story is based on director Franco Zeffirelli's autobiography. An eccentric group of ladies gossip at tea in the early 1930s; one of the women takes in a boy named Luca, who is supposed to be the young Zeffirelli. The cast of women includes: Cher, Lily Tomlin, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright, and Maggie Smith.

A book is a present you can open again and again...

Holiday 1999 nonfiction gift book suggestions include:

Tales of a War Pilot by Richard C. Kirkland (358.4 KIR): Vividly captures the experiences of the author and his fellow airmen who served in the U.S. Air Force from World War II through the Korean War.

Napa Valley: Land of Golden Vines by Kathleen Hill (641.22 HIL): A food and wine lover's guide to the Napa Valley.

The Times of My Life and My Life with the *Times* by Max Frankel (070.052 FRA): In this remarkable memoir, *The New York Times's* Max Frankel tells his life story the way he lived it– in tandem with the big news stories of our time.

Remarkable Women of the Twentieth Century: 100 Portraits of Achievement by Kristen Golden (920.72 GOL): Photographs and biographical sketches of 100 noteworthy women of the 20th century.

The Queen Mother's Century by Robert Lacey (B ELIZABETH): A look at the 20th century through the life of England's Queen Mother, who was born at the turn of the century.

Reference Round-up

The Library is constantly adding to its collection of current medical reference books. Some of the new health resources available in the Reference Department are:

General information on all medical topics can be found in the five volumes of the new ***Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine***, or in the handy new single-volume ***Johns Hopkins Family Health Book,*** which includes a color photo section of common skin disorders for easier identification.

Special topics are covered in more depth in ***The Complete Directory for People with Rare Disorders, The Complete Directory for People with Chronic Illness,*** and three new titles from the Health Reference Series: ***The Arthritis Sourcebook, The Skin Disorders Sourcebook,*** and ***The Ear, Nose, and Throat Disorders Sourcebook***.

For those interested in alternative medicine, the ***Physician's Desk Reference*** series has added a new title, ***PDR for Herbal Medicines,*** that gives complete information on 600 herbal medicines along with full-color photos of the plants from which they are derived.

Another valuable source is the ***Yale School of Medicine Patient's Guide to Medical Tests,*** which details what to expect before, during, and after hundreds of the most common tests, including home test kits.

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